

This is my testimony regarding SB 2274 Naturopathic Bill. I am asking for a DO PASS of this bill.

I am a single Mother that resides in West Fargo, ND, and have been a resident of North Dakota my whole life. Please vote DO PASS on SB 2274 Naturopathic bill. I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor in Fargo and I am confident in her knowledge and competence. I am not only a patient, but have been a nurse for many years, so when I say she is competent, I know what I am talking about. Working years around MD's and knowing what they can do in their scope of practice vs a Naturopathic Doctor seems completely absurd. Naturopathic Doctors are highly trained healthcare providers and preventing them from being able to practice their full scope of training is unacceptable. Me and my family, as well as all North Dakotans deserve the freedom to choose where to spend their healthcare dollars without unnecessary additional visits because of the current restriction in prescription writing privileges for Naturopathic Doctors. Our North Dakota Naturopathic Doctors have proven themselves to be knowledgeable and competent, along with holding an outstanding safety record, nationwide.

Please also take a few moments to read and listen to the information below. It is very beneficial in understanding Naturopathic Doctors.

<https://drpingel.com/what-is-naturopathic-medicine/>

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony and urge you again to please PASS this bill through your committee.